

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward
Serial No.: 10/768,263
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Title: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable Gas
Nozzle

Examiner: Christopher Kim
Group A.U.: 3752

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination is enclosed. Amendments to the specification and claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked *** VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE ***.